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SUBJ: STATEMENT TO PRESS BY PPD LEADER AFTER VISIT TO WASHINGTON

REF: LISBON 5279

1. ON RETURN TO PORTUGAL AFTER SIX-DAY VISIT TO US, PPD SECRETARY GENERAL SA CARNEIRO HAD FOLLOWING TO SAY ABOUT HIS MEETING WITH SECRETARY KISSINGER: "WE ENCOUNTERED A GREAT DEAL OF INTEREST IN OUR PROBLEMS AND A DESIRE FOR CONCRETE INFORMATION ABOUT WHAT IS HAPPENING IN PORTUGAL. ON THE PART OF SECRETARY KISSINGER WE FOUND A GOOD DISPOSITION TO TRANSFORM A WAIT-AND-SEE ATTITUDE WHICH THE UNITED STATES HAS BEEN TAKING WITH REGARD TO THE NEW PORTUGUESE DEMOCRACY INTO AN ATTITUDE OF FRANK SUPPORT AND COOPERATION."

2. SA CARNEIRO WENT ON TO SAY THAT HE FELT CONFIDENT THAT HIS VISIT TO THE US WILL BEAR FRUIT, REFERRING TO SENATOR KENNEDY'S AMENDMENT TO FOREIGN AID ACT AS AN EXAMPLE OF POSITIVE RESULTS OF TRIP. (COMMENT: JUXTAPOSITION IN LISBON PRESS OF PHOTO AND TEXT OF ARTICLE ABOUT PPD VISIT TO US AND WIRE SERVICE REPORT ON KENNEDY AMENDMENT HAS PROBABLY FOSTERED IMPRESSION THAT SA CARNEIRO BROUGHT HOME THE BACON WHEREAS FOREIGN MINISTER SOARES RETURNED HOME EMPTY HANDED FROM  
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HIS US TRIP. THIS IMPRESSION ATTENUATED IN ONE PAPER WHICH

PUBLISHED KENNEDY LETTER TO SOARES ON SAME PAGE WITH SA CARNEIRO STORY.)

3. THE PPD SECRETARY GENERAL SAID HE FOUND MOST US SENATORS (WITH THE NOTABLE EXCEPTION OF SENATOR KENNEDY) LITTLE OR POORLY INFORMED ABOUT PORTUGAL, BUT THAT THEY WERE FRANKLY INTERESTED IN OBTAINING INFORMATION ABOUT RECENT DEVELOPMENTS.

4. PORTUGUESE PRESS HAS TENDED TO DOWNPLAY PPD TRIP, RELEGATING COVERAGE TO INSIDE PAGES AND SHORT SCHEMATIC ARTICLES ABOUT PERSONS MET, RALLIES ATTENDED, ETC.  
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